

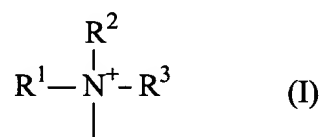
LIST OF CLAIMS

1. Canceled.

2. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An adsorbent according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 19, wherein said hydrogen-bondable functional group(s) is(are) (a) cationic functional group(s).

3. (Withdrawn) The adsorbent according to claim 2, wherein said cationic functional group(s) is(are) primary amino group, secondary amino group, tertiary amino group, imino group and/or quaternary ammonium group.

4. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The adsorbent according to claim 3, wherein said cationic functional group(s) is(are) represented by the following Formula (I):



~~{wherein R¹, R² and R³ independently represent hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₅ alkyl group, respectively}~~.

5. (Withdrawn) The adsorbent according to claim 4, wherein in Formula (I), R^1 , R^2 and R^3 independently represent hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_5 alkyl group, respectively.

6. (Withdrawn) The adsorbent according to claim 5, wherein all of R^1 , R^2 and R^3 in Formula (I) represent methyl group.

7. Canceled.

8. Canceled.

9. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The adsorbent according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 19, wherein said hydrophobic functional group(s) is(are) (an) alkyl group(s) having not less than 6 carbon atoms, or (an) aromatic group(s).

10. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The adsorbent according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 19, wherein said substance(s) having (a) hydrogen-bondable functional group(s) and/or (a) hydrophobic functional group(s) is(are) (a) peptide(s) or (an) amino acid(s).

11. (Withdrawn) The adsorbent according to claim 3, wherein said substance(s) having (a) hydrogen-bondable functional group(s) is(are) (a) peptide(s) or (an) amino acid(s) having (an) amino group(s) in its(their) side chain(s).

12. (Withdrawn) The adsorbent according to claim 11, wherein said substance having (a) hydrogen-bondable functional group(s) is(are) polylysine.

13. Canceled.

14. (Currently Amended) The adsorbent according to ~~claim 13~~ claim 19, wherein said polysaccharide is heparin or dextran sulfate, or a derivative thereof.

15. (Withdrawn) An adsorbent of high-mobility-group proteins comprising a water-insoluble carrier on which (an) antibody(ies) to said high-mobility-group proteins is(are) immobilized.

16. (Withdrawn) The adsorbent according to claim 15, wherein said adsorbent has a rate of adsorption for high-mobility-group proteins of not less than 50%, and has a rate of adsorption for serum albumin of not more than 20%.

17. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The adsorbent according to ~~anyone of claims 1 to 16~~ claim 19, wherein said water insoluble carrier is in the form of fibers.

18. Canceled.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An adsorbent ~~according to claim 1~~ of high-mobility-group protein comprising a water-insoluble carrier on which (a) substance(s) having (a) hydrogen-bondable functional group(s) and/or (a) hydrophobic functional group is(are) immobilized, which is used for therapy of sepsis.

20. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A body fluid-purification column for removing high-mobility-group proteins, comprising a column, and said adsorbent according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 19, which adsorbent is packed in said column.

21. (Withdrawn) The body fluid-purification column according to claim 20, by which extracorporeal circulation of whole blood can be attained.

22. (Withdrawn) The body fluid-purification column according to claim 20 or 21, which is used for therapy of sepsis.

23. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for adsorbing high-mobility-group proteins in body fluid, comprising contacting said adsorbent according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 19 with body fluid so as to adsorb said high-mobility-group proteins in said body fluid to said adsorbent.

24. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The method according to claim 23, which is carried out by using said body fluid-purification column ~~according to anyone of claims 20 to 22~~.

25. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 23, wherein said body fluid is blood.

26. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 24 to 25~~ claim 23, which is carried out for therapy of sepsis.

27. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The method according to claim 26, which is carried by using said body fluid purification column ~~according to anyone of claims 20 to 22~~ claim 20 together with (a) body fluid-purification column(s) which adsorb(s) (a) substance(s) originated from bacteria.

28. Canceled.

28. Canceled. (It is noted that in the original specification submitted, two claims were inadvertently numbered "claim 28".)

29. Canceled.